Chapter 10: Put It to Use

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TRANSLATION: CALEB COOK LETTERING: KYLA AIKO

HFF!
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YOU THINK I DON'T KNOW THAT?!
BETTER HURRY UP!!

YAP ざわ
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YAP ざわ
DUNNO.
WHAT'S WITH THOSE TWO?
WHERE'S THE FIRE?
WAS SHE... GLOWING?

I BELIEVE IN YOU, HONEY! C'MON!!
SPRINTING UPSTAIRS *AFTER* A SPORTS MARATHON? JUST KILL ME AND GET IT OVER WITH!!
HFF!
HFF!
THE ROOF WOULD BE BEST, I GUESS?
WHY'S THIS HAPPENING *NOW*?!
HANDS TINGLY! BODY'S HOT!!
HFF!
HFF!
...HIS HORNS GLOWED TOO!!
UH-HUH! WHEN YOUR FATHER CALLED LIGHTNING...
ALL SIGNS POINT TO THIS BEING THE BIG ONE!!
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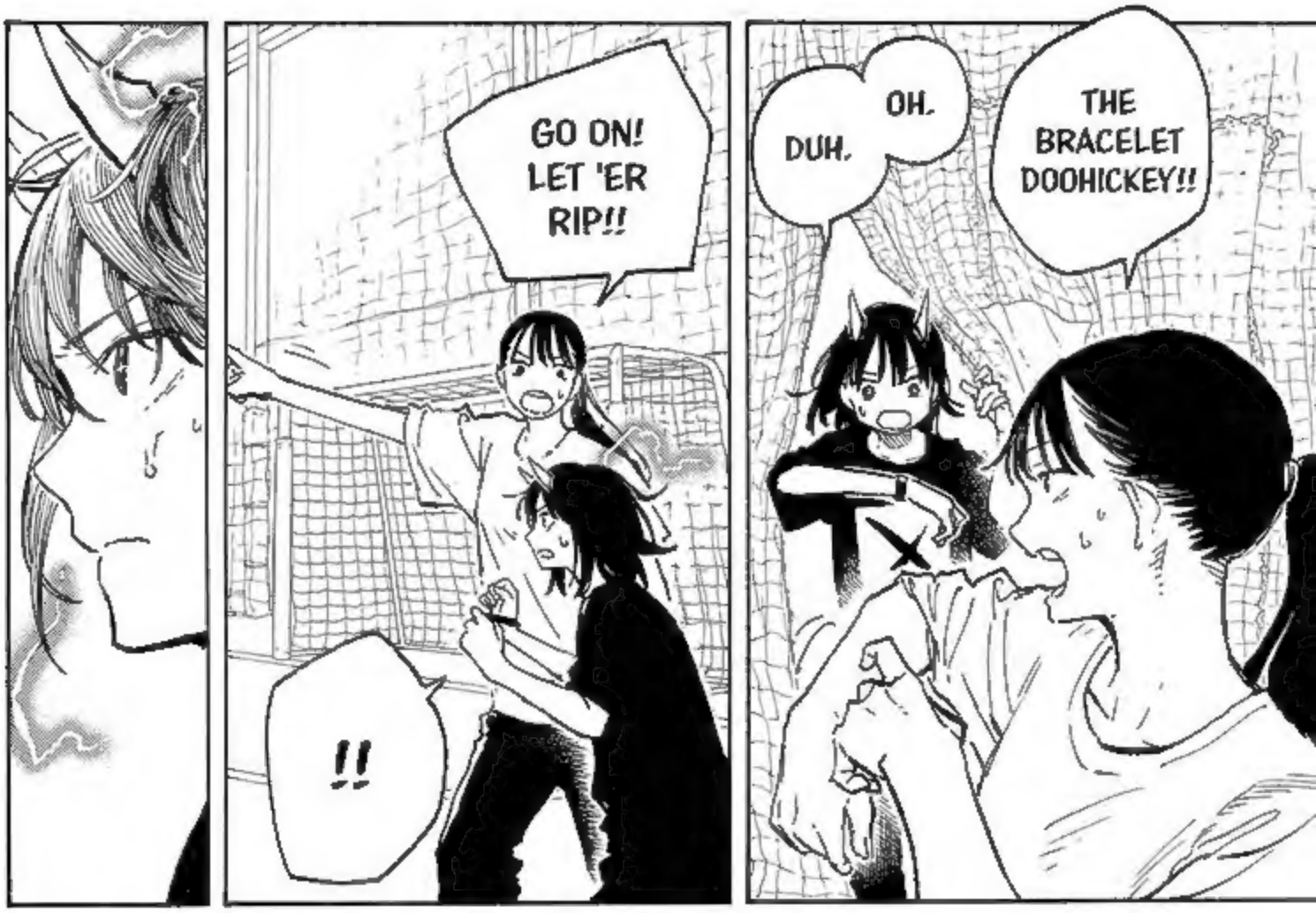
YOU THINK THIS COULD BE IT...?
AND MY HORNS'RE LIT UP, YEAH?!

BIG...? HOW BIG ARE WE TALKING?!
THERE! I DON'T SEE ANYONE OVER THATAWAY!!
AND TEAR THAT THING OFF!


THE BRACELET DOOHICKEY!!
OH. DUH.
GO ON! LET 'ER RIP!!
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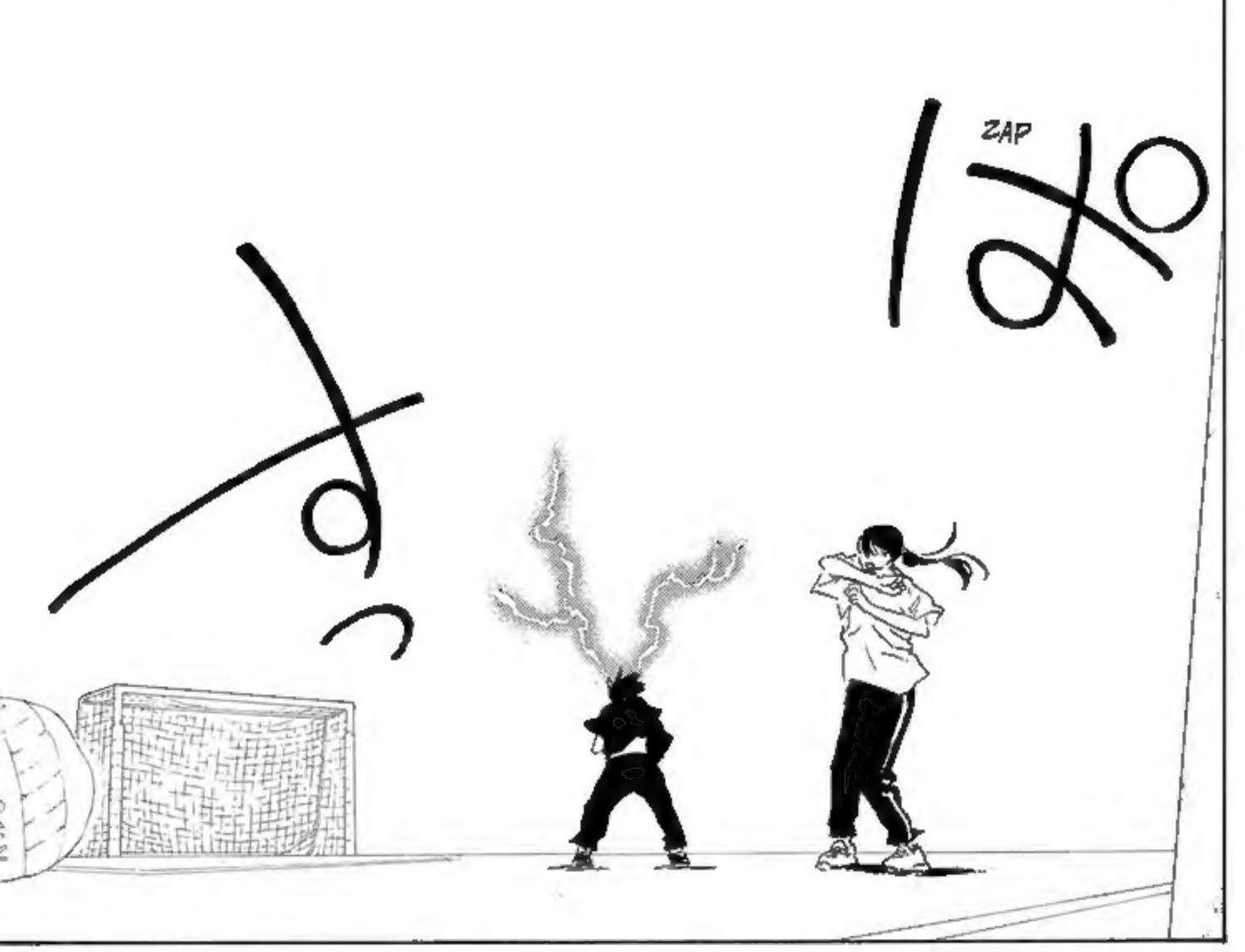
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THAT FREAKIN' SCARED ME!!
HERE I WAS, READY FOR A LIGHTNING BOLT TO ROAST ME!
AH HA HA... ALL THAT FUSS, AND OVER WHAT?

NOT SO SHOCKING THAT A PERSON COULD ONLY MANAGE THAT MUCH. EVEN YOUR DAD ONLY DID IT ONCE EVERY FEW YEARS.
YOU COULDA MENTIONED THAT FROM THE START.
MORE OF A HUMAN-SIZED ZAP, YEAH?

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MAYBE YOU'LL HAVE A BETTER HANDLE ON IT NOW.
YEAH?
SO COMING HERE *DID* PAY OFF.
I THINK IT'S CALMED DOWN THOUGH.
DOESN'T HURT LIKE YESTERDAY.

OOH.
THE LIGHTNING'S YOURS TO COMMAND NOW, EH?
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HMPH!

NAH, I DUNNO.

AH, HOW 'BOUT FOR SELF-DEFENSE? LIKE A STUN?
DON'T EVEN JOKE.

SUCH AS...?
NO OBVIOUS ANSWER, HUH?
IT'S YOUR POWER, SO GO AHEAD AND PUT IT TO USE. I MEAN, IF THERE'S A HUMANE WAY TO DO THAT.
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THE FRENZY MODE THING?
...YOU THINK IT'S OVER?
SO...
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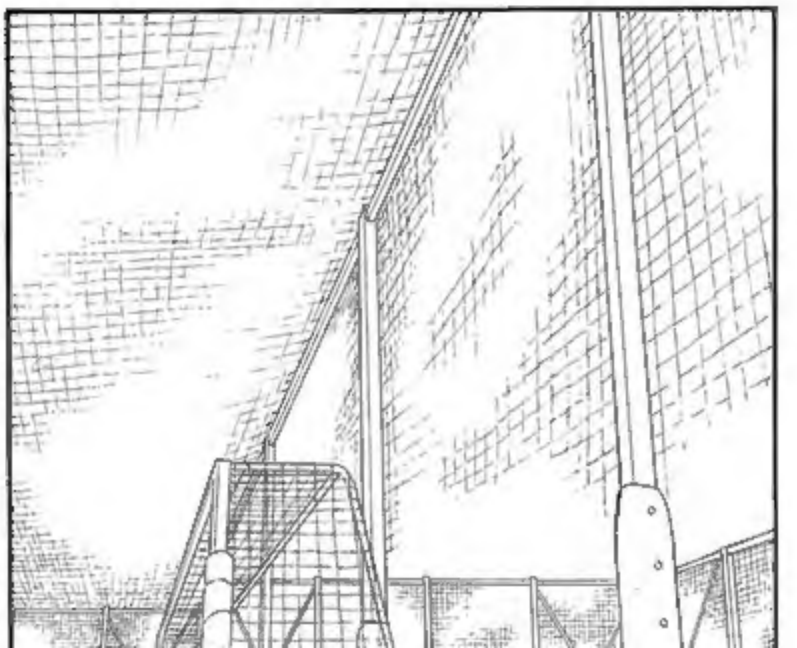

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?
SO I DUNNO THE INS AND OUTS.
I WOULDN'T BE SO SURE.
ONLY HEARD ABOUT IT SECONDHAND.
I HAD NEVER WITNESSED IT MYSELF BEFORE NOW.
SIGH...
LIVING A NORMAL LIFE IS HARD WORK.
AND DO YOU PROMISE TO STOP ME IF I START WRECKING THE TOWN?
YOU SAID IT.
I'LL HAVE TO LOOK INTO IT.
I MEAN, IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE GIVEN BIRTH TO A DRAGON'S KID.
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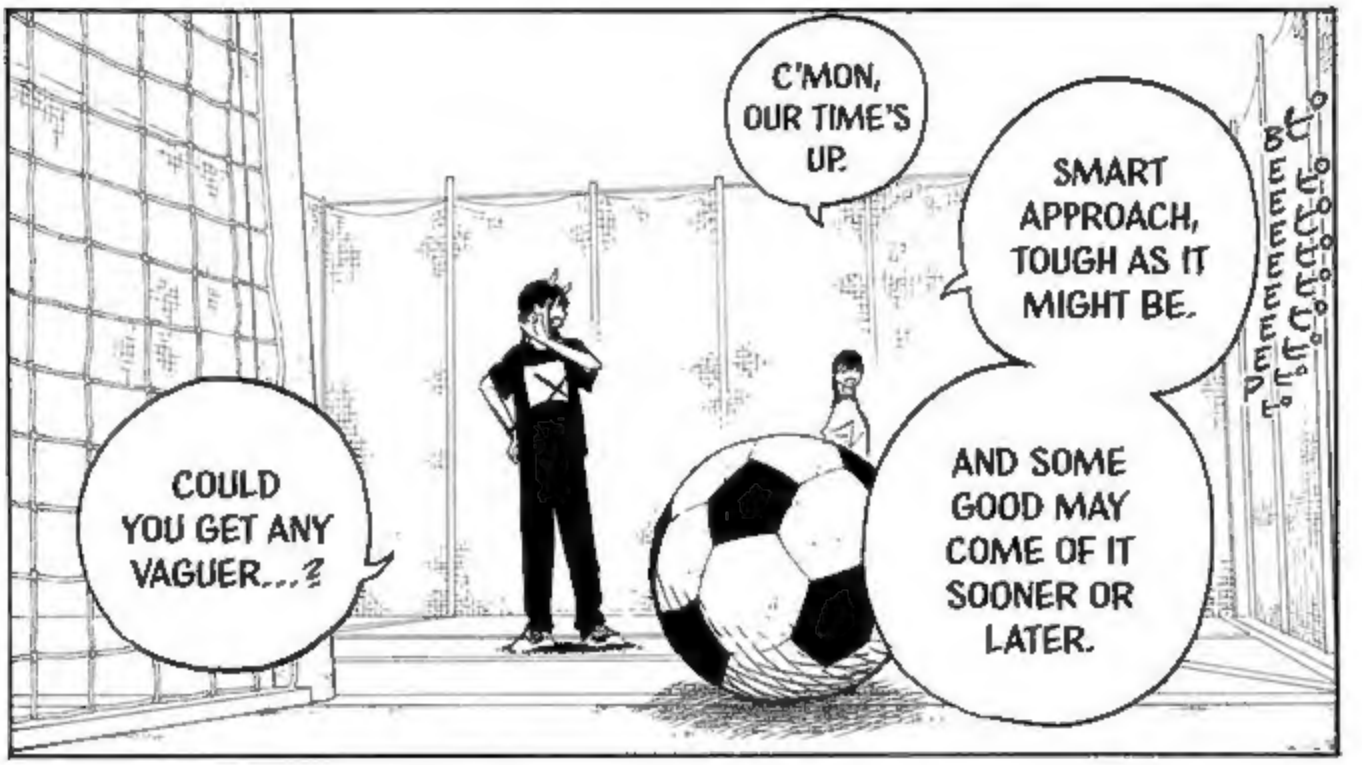
ACK.
CLOSE ONE!
MIGHT AS WELL THINK UP A USE IF I CAN.
WELP...
NO REASON TO CRY OVER WHAT I WAS BORN WITH.


C'MON, OUR TIME'S UP.
SMART APPROACH, TOUGH AS IT MIGHT BE.
BEEEEEEEEEP
COULD YOU GET ANY VAGUER...?
AND SOME GOOD MAY COME OF IT SOONER OR LATER.

MM-HMM.
YES? HELLO?
I'M OUT RIGHT NOW, BUT... HUH?!

A GOOD USE, HUH...

DO I HAVE A CHOICE?
MIND IF I STEP AWAY FOR A SEC?
SORRY. IT'S WORK.

HOW CAN I KILL SOME TIME?
UH-HUH.
SORRY, HONEY. I WON'T BE LONG.

I NEED A NAP.
OOF. BEING A DRAGON SAPS THE ENERGY RIGHT OUTTA YA.

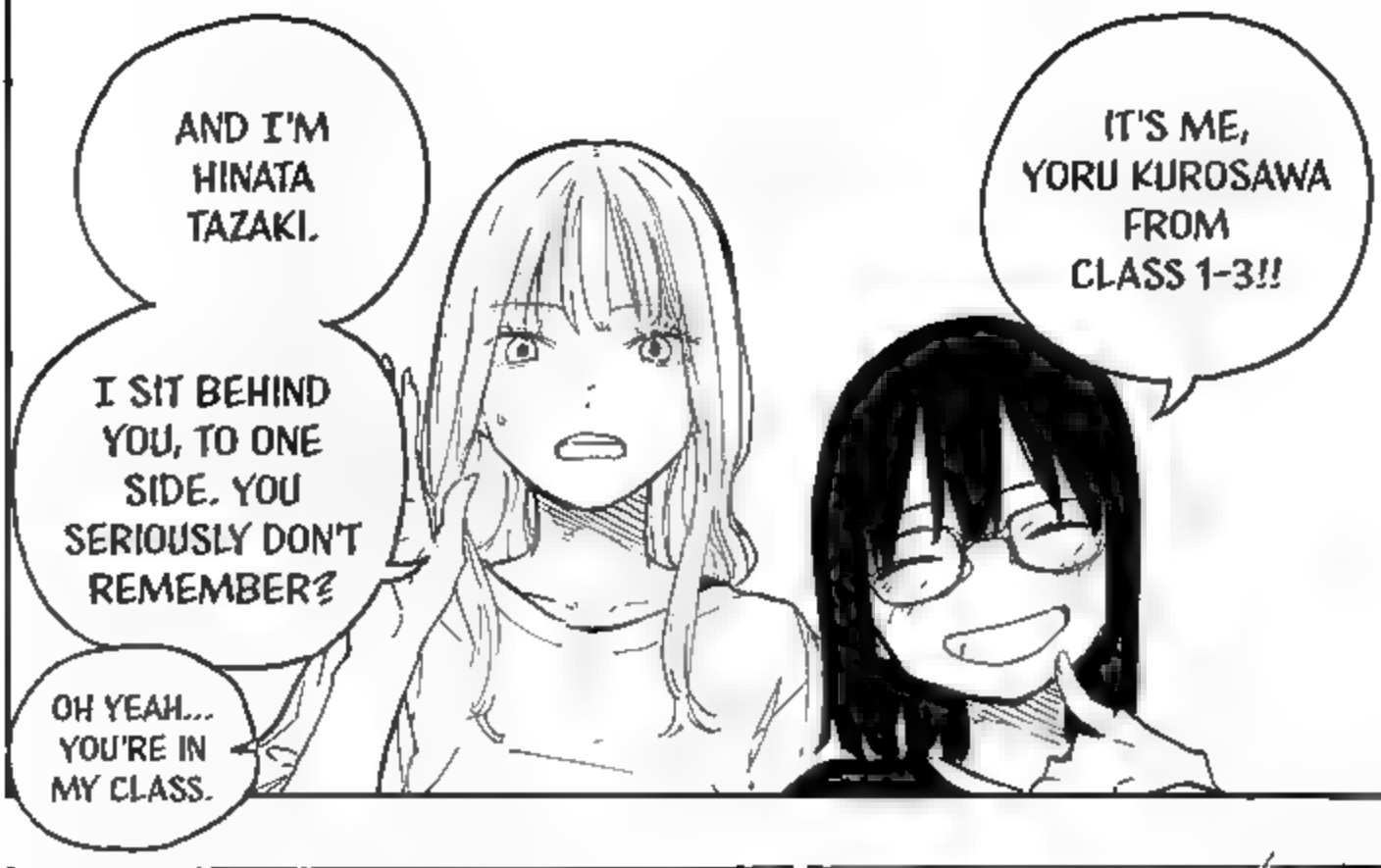
AN ARCADE?
MAN, THIS PLACE HAS IT ALL.

AH! THERE SHE IS!!

WHAT'RE THE ODDS OF BUMPING INTO YOU HERE? TOO WILD!!
I MEAN, WHO ELSE WOULD YOU SEE RUNNING AROUND WITH HORNS?
SEE? I KNEW IT WAS AOKI!!
?!

SORRY, NOPE...
YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE US?
AH HA HA! I GUESS WE'VE NEVER EVEN TALKED, HUH?!
HAVE WE NOT? MAN, I WAS ON THE VERGE OF FEELING ALL SORTS OF GUILT.

UH...
HI?
WHO ...?


IT'S ME, YORU KUROSAWA FROM CLASS 1-3!!
AND I'M HINATA TAZAKI.
I SIT BEHIND YOU, TO ONE SIDE. YOU SERIOUSLY DON'T REMEMBER?
OH YEAH... YOU'RE IN MY CLASS.

WHAT HE SAID!!
WE'VE BEEN WANTING TO CHILL WITH YOU, AOKI!
YOU SHOULD TOTALLY JOIN US!
SHE LITERALLY *JUST* SAID SHE'S HERE WITH HER MOM, YOU DINGUS.
AND DRY YOUR HANDS AFTER PEEING
UH...

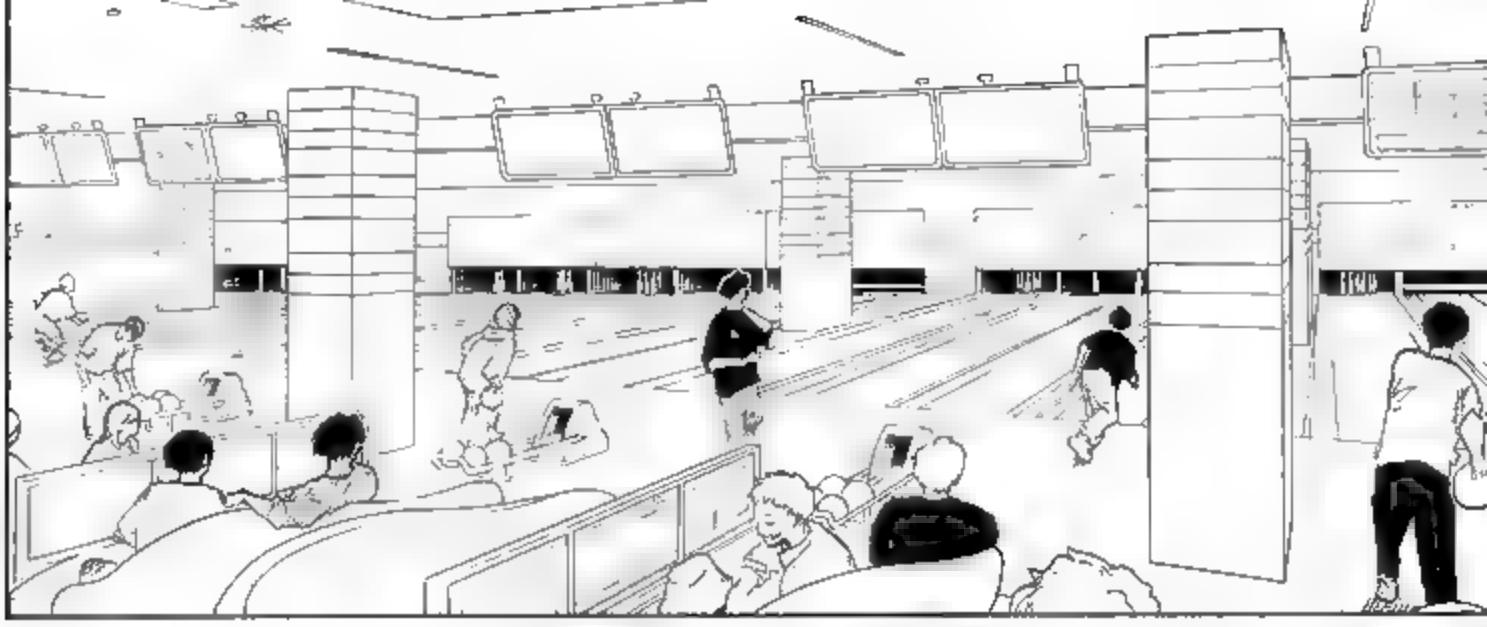
YO, AOKI IN THE HOUSE!!
WHATCHA UP TO SITTING HERE ALL ALONE?
!!
NAH, I MEAN, MY MOM'S HERE TOO.

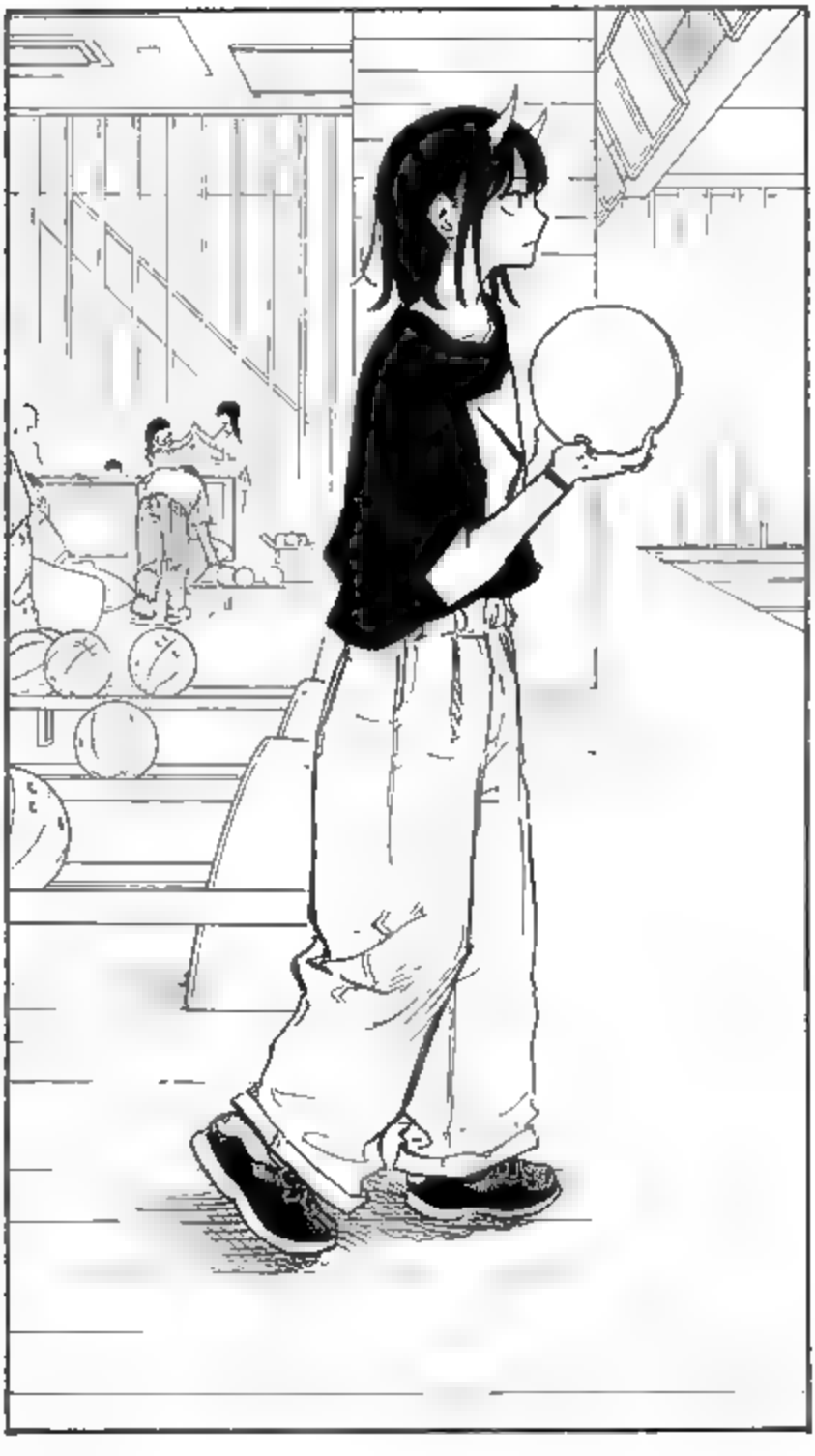
!
AH!!
GO ON AND HAVE FUN, YOU SCAMPS.

MRS. RURI'S MOM!! GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN!!
HIYA.
FOR ONE, MY LOWER BACK IS DONE FOR THE DAY...
...AND RURI MIGHT AS WELL PAL AROUND WITH FRIENDS INSTEAD OF HER BORING OL' MOM.

WHYYYYY?
OKAY, SO WHAT FIRST?
RURI LOOKS POSITIVELY *THRILLED* ABOUT ALL THIS.

UMM... NOT TO BE RUDE, BUT I'M KINDA WIPED OUT FROM HOURS OF FUN.
AS MUCH AS I'D LOVE TO KEEP GOING HARD...
AW, FOR REAL?
HOW ABOUT DOWNSTAIRS THEN?
MEANING ...?
FINE BY ME.
Y'KNOW, ALL THAT OTHER JUNK.





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URRRGH!!
IMPRESSIVE!! YOUR GUTTER BALL STREAK CAN'T STOP, WON'T STOP!!
WHOA
YOU'RE REAL BAD AT THIS!!

I GUESS THIS SPORT HAS BUILT-IN BREAKS.

ACE THIS NEXT ONE WITH A HOME RUN!

I'M UP NEXT.

THIS IS **BOWLING**, SMART GUY.

YOU'RE TIGHT LIKE THAT? COULDN'T BE ME. MY PARENTS SUUUUCK.

SHE'S HANGING WITH HER MOM. TRY LISTENING FOR ONCE.

YOU HERE FOR ANY SPECIAL REASON, AOKI?

LITTLE REBELS, HUH?

WHUH? UM, YEAH.

WHO'S STUPID NOW, STUPID?!

YOWCH! MY BAD!!

YO, FOR REAL?! THAT'S LIT...

NO, YEAH, THAT'S PRETTY MUCH IT...

FOR...?

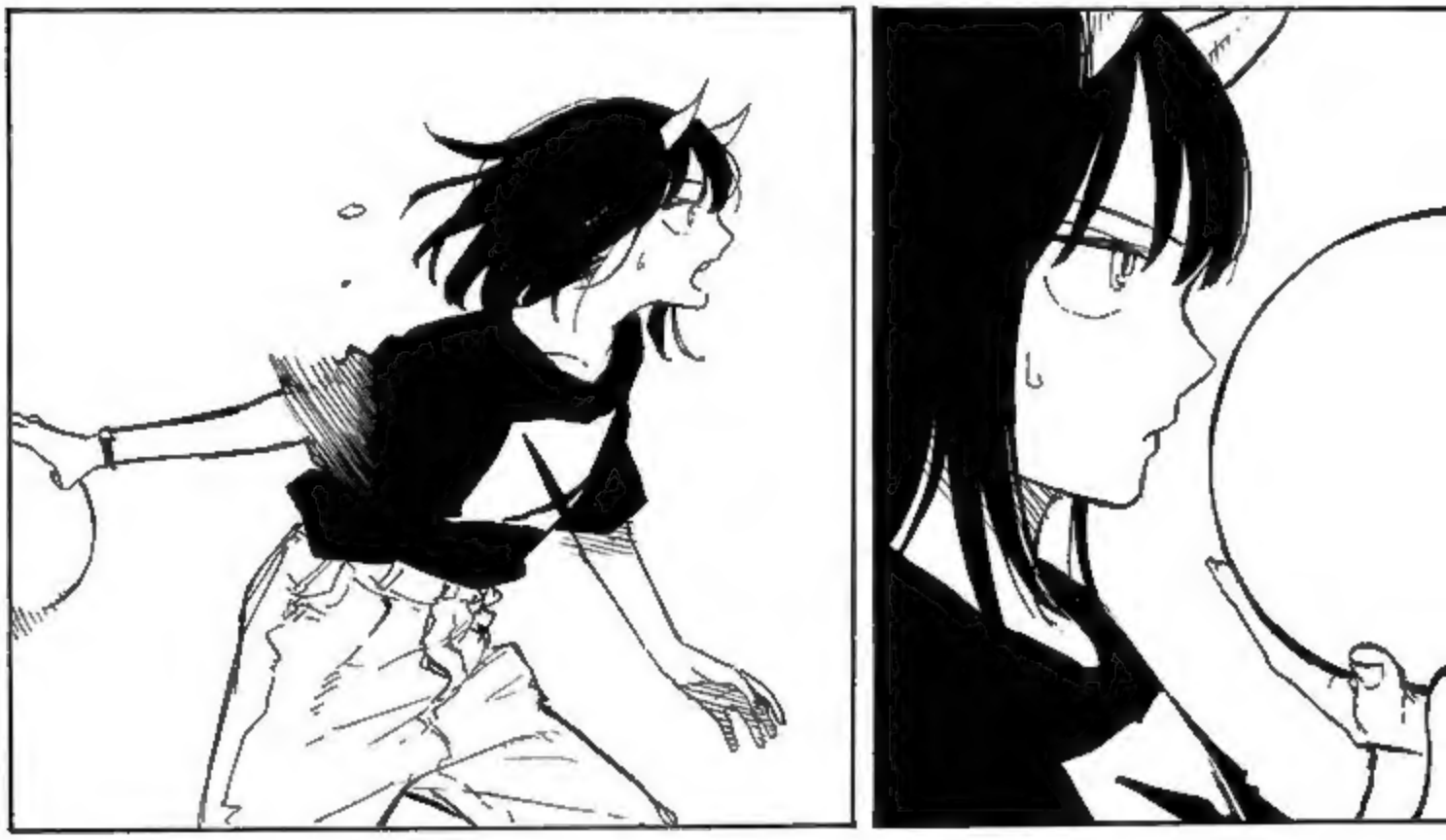
YOU COULD SAY...I'M TRAINING.

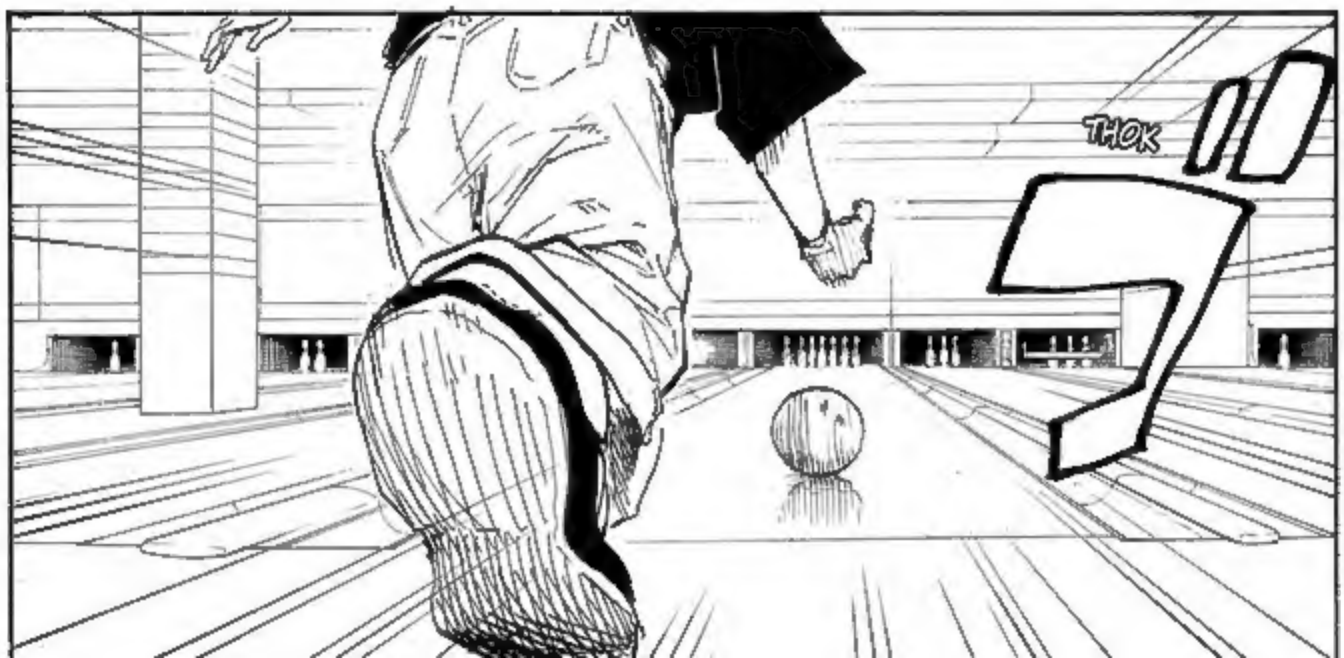
WHAT, TO BE THE BEST DRAGON YOU CAN BE?

AH HA HA!! DON'T BE STUPID.

UHH...
DOES SHE LOOK CAPABLE OF THAT? TRY USING YOUR SINGLE BRAIN CELL.
BUT... SHE'S A DRAGON.
...MIND IF I HOP ABOARD FOR A FLIGHT?
IN THAT CASE...
...ONCE YOU'RE A MIGHTY DRAGON OR WHATEVER...
SHE'S OBVIOUSLY MESSING WITH YOU...
FOR REAL?
?
FREE FLIGHTS FOR EVERYONE ONCE I CAN.
I'VE GOT A FAVOR TO ASK IN RETURN THOUGH.
WHOA! YOU MEAN IT?!
NAW, THAT'S COOL.
HUH?
!!
YOU BET!! HAPPY TO HAVE YA!!
WHAP
YOU SURE YOU WANNA COME BACK HERE THOUGH? SO FAR, YOU BARELY MANAGED TO KNOCK DOWN SIX PINS.
SHUT IT.
NEXT TIME YOU'RE HERE...
...MESSAGE ME SO I CAN JOIN THE FUN!

UGH...
NO NEED FOR ALL THAT, GIRL.
CHALLENGE ACCEPTED!!
SURE, ONE STRIKE IS YOUR TICKET TO JOIN US!
HA HA!! BOLD CLAIM.
CHECK THIS OUT.
WHAT IF I THROW A STRIKE NEXT?

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